

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

March 26, 2009 MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Burbank Traffic Commission was held in the City Council Chambers, 275 E. Olive Avenue, on the above date. Joseph Terranova, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Members Present: Joe Terranova, Chair
Brian Malone, Vice Chair
Robert Heins
David Justl
Celeste Francis
Barry Gussow

Members Absent: *Ralph Herman*

Staff Present: Ken Johnson—Traffic Engineering, Public Works
Sean Corrigan—Chief Assistant Public Works Director, Public Works
Karen McMurray—Administrative Analyst II, Public Works
Terre Hirsch—License and Code Administrator, License and Code
Lt. JJ Puglisi—Traffic Division, Police Department
Melissa Blau—Recording Secretary, Public Works

I. FLAG SALUTE

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2009 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: (Limited to items on the printed agenda or items regarding the business of the Traffic Commission)

A. Public

Dennis Hooper, former Large Non-Commercial Vehicle (LNCV) subcommittee, spoke about the proposed ordinance. Jose Garcia, of Southern California Ambulance, would like to conduct business in Burbank and listed his qualifications. Mal Kelman, of the former LNCV subcommittee, discussed the ad hoc rules and legitimacy during the meeting. LaVerne Thomas, of the former LNCV subcommittee, spoke regarding Item G in the proposed ordinance. She disagreed about the duration of the permits and suggested forming a new subcommittee. Joe Gage, of the former LNCV subcommittee, suggested reconsidering the annual and temporary permitting in the proposed ordinance. Martin Shatakyan, president of San Gabriel Transit dba City Cab, said that they have hybrids in their fleet and are in support of a program for taxi cabs going green.

B. Commission Members

Mr. Justl inquired about City Council's decision regarding the crossing guards at Edison School. Mr. Johnson informed that one crossing guard will start on March 30, 2009 for the rest of the fiscal year.

Brian Malone motioned, and Robert Heins seconded, to move the Public Hearing Item on Needs and Necessity for Southern California Ambulance after the Taxi Cab Report and to move Item E. Proposed LNCV Ordinance before Item B. Motion was approved unanimously.

IV. REPORTS

A. Taxi Cab Report–Terre Hirsch

Mr. Hirsch stated that the green taxi cab issue went before City Council as a staff report item on March 24, 2009. City Council is very favorable about it. He suggested that the Commissioner's listen to the archived version of the meeting online to hear the lively discussion. License and Code Division administratively re-licensed 50 temporary taxi cabs for a 30-day extension for the fourth time on March 25, 2009. Mr. Justl, Mr. Gussow, Ms. Francis, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Hirsch participated in the discussion.

Note and file.

B. Proposed LNCV Ordinance (formerly Item E)–Ken Johnson

Mr. Terranova relaxed the *rule* to allow the LNCV subcommittee to participate in conversation regarding the proposed ordinance. Mr. Terranova, Mr. Johnson, Lt. Puglisi, Mr. Malone, Mr. Justl, Mr. Heins, and Ms. Francis participated in the discussion. Mr. Gage, Ms. Thomas, and Mr. Hooper from the LNCV subcommittee participated in the discussion.

Brian Malone motioned, and Robert Heins seconded, *that LNCV be prohibited from parking within 50 feet of any controlled intersection (a stop sign or a traffic light controls that approach) and within 100 feet of any uncontrolled intersection.* Motion was approved unanimously.

Brian Malone motioned, and David Justl seconded, *that LNCV be prohibited from parking on city streets from 2:00 am to 6:00 am.* Mr. Malone later withdrew his motion.

Brian Malone motioned, and Robert Heins seconded, to postpone and add to the agenda this item for the next regularly scheduled meeting in April when Joe McDougal from the City Attorney's Office can attend. Motion was approved unanimously.

C. Status of Commission Membership and Tenure (formerly Item B)–Ken Johnson

Mr. Johnson stated that Paul McKenna's term will expire in June 2009. His appointment and one more vacancy are due to be filled this coming June. Mr. Malone, Mr. Justl, Mr. Heins, Ms. Francis, Mr. Terranova, Mr. Gussow, and Mr. Johnson participated in the discussion.

Item postponed until next meeting.

D. Third Party Traffic Review (Timing) [Formerly Item C]–Ken Johnson

Mr. Johnson informed the Commissioners that Albert Grover and Associates presented staff the conclusions from their review of the City's signal control system. They found the current system slightly antiquated. The City is considering an adaptive system

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similar to the one the City of Los Angeles utilizes. Mr. Terranova, Ms. Francis, Mr. Gussow, Mr. Terranova, Mr. Justl, and Mr. Malone participated in the discussion.

Note and file.

E. Ratification of Speed Surveys (formerly Item D)–Ken Johnson

Mr. Johnson stated that State law requires the City to survey speed limits every 5 years. Staff report included illustrations and statistics for review.

Brian Malone motioned, and Robert Heins seconded, to accept recommendation by staff. Motion was approved unanimously.

F. Review of Future Agenda Items–Ken Johnson

Mr. Johnson suggested reviewing the Future Agenda Items and prioritizing them. Mr. Justl suggested the prioritizing the Items in the following order:

- 1) *Medical Transportation (February 2009)–Terranova*
- 2) *Accident and Citation Statistics for Review (October 2008)–Flad*
- 3) *Signal Timing Discussion (August 2008)–Terranova*
- 4) *Traffic Calming (March 2008)–Johnson*
- 5) *Commercial Vehicle Parking Restrictions (July 2008)–Johnson*
- 6) *Update on the colors and look of taxicabs (January 2008)–Francis*
- 7) *Discussion of bike lanes on streets (December 2008)–Terranova*

It was felt that it might be difficult now to find financing to build a parking structure behind Porto's Bakery. However, Mr. Johnson said that Magnolia Park area parking should be a Future Agenda Item.

Mr. Johnson said that marked and unmarked crosswalks in Magnolia Park should be a Future Agenda Item.

Mr. Johnson felt that a Traffic Management Center Tour would still be helpful, and it was agreed that it would be a Future Agenda Item.

Note and file.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing on Needs and Necessity for Southern California Ambulance–Ken Johnson

Mr. Johnson stated that Southern California Ambulance is not certified by Los Angeles County. Ms. Francis, Mr. Malone, Mr. Garcia, and Mr. Heins participated in the conversation.

Brian Malone motioned, and Robert Heins seconded, to hold the application of this ambulance company in abeyance until the rules and regulations for the County of Los Angeles are changed to lessen or decrease the requirements. Then review the application at that time. Motion was approved unanimously.

VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Traffic Calming (March 08)–Johnson
- Discussion of Parking in Magnolia Park (March 2009)–Terranova

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- *Discussion of marked and unmarked crosswalks in Magnolia Park (March 2009)–Johnson*
- *Medical Transportation (March 2009)–Terranova*
- *Commercial Vehicle Parking Restrictions (July 2008)–Johnson*
- *Signal Timing Discussion (August 2008)–Terranova*
- *Traffic Management Center Tour (September 2008)–Flad*
- *Accident and Citation statistics for review (October 2008)–Flad*
- *Discussion on bike lanes on streets (December 2008)–Terranova*
- *Update on the colors and look of Taxi cabs (January 2008)–Francis*

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Johnson, Traffic Engineer
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